

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (canceled)

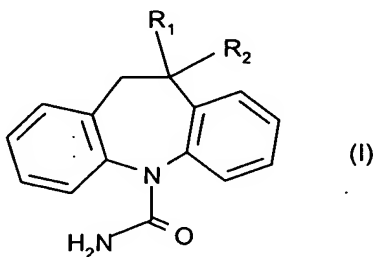
Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended) A method ~~for the~~ of treatment ~~of~~ for tinnitus and other inner ear/cochlear excitability related diseases in a subject in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I



wherein

(a)  $R_1$  represents hydrogen, and  $R_2$  represents hydroxy or  $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkyl carbonyloxy, or

(b)  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  together represent an oxo group,  
or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (new) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  of formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof together represent an oxo group.

Claim 10 (new) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein  $R_1$  of formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof represents hydrogen and  $R_2$  represents hydroxy.

Claim 11 (new) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein  $R_1$  of formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof represents hydrogen and  $R_2$  represents acetoxy.

Claim 12 (new) A method of treatment according to claim 7 for treating tinnitus.

Claim 13 (new) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein  $R_1$  of formula I represents hydrogen and  $R_2$  represents hydroxy or  $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkyl carbonyloxy and wherein the compound is employed in enantiomerically pure form.